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SUBJ: JAPANESE FOREIGN AID: REQUESTS FOR JFY 1974 FUNDS

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF AUGUST 27, UCHIDA, DEPUTY HEAD, PLANNING DIVISION, ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU, FONOFF, CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS TO EFFECT THAT FONOFF HAS DECIDED TO REQUEST YEN 43,206 MILLION (ABOUT \$163 MILLION) FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN ITS JFY 1974 (APRIL 1974 THROUGH MARCH 1975) BUDGET. THIS AMOUNT, ACCORDING UCHIDA, WOULD BE FOR GRANTS FOR BILATERAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION UNDER OVERSEAS TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGENCY, FOR PROJECT GRANTS, AND FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNDP. UCHIDA SAID OTHER KINDS OF AID EXCLUDED, E.G. REPARATIONS, LOANS, FOOD AID, FEOF, ESF, AND OTHER MINISTRIES' AID ACTIVITIES (SUCH AS MOF'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO ADB, IDA, AND AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND). UCHIDA POINTED OUT THAT FUNDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF VIETNAM ARE ALSO NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE FIGURE.

2. IN LIGHT OF LARGE INCREASES APPROVED IN PAST SEVERAL YEARS, UCHIDA DID NOT FEEL THAT FONOFF'S JFY 1974 REQUEST INVOLVING 48 PERCENT INCREASE OVER AMOUNT APPRO-
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PRIATED JFY 1973 WAS UNREASONABLE. HOWEVER, HE CONCLUDED

IT QTE 100 PERCENT CERTAIN THAT MOF WILL NOT APPROVE 100 PERCENT OF FONOFF'S REQUEST UNQTE. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PROBABLE MOF CUTS IN FONOFF BUDGET REQUEST AND AMOUNTS TO BE INCLUDED IN OTHER MINISTRIES' BUDGETS, FONOFF HOPES THAT GOJ WILL ATTAIN ODA/GNP RATIO OF .024 IN JFY 1974 (COMPARED TO .021 IN CY 1972 AND .023 IN CY 1971) AND REACH OECD/DAC AVERAGE OF .036 WITHIN FIVE YEARS.

3. DURING SEPARATE CONVERSATION AUGUST 28 KIKUCHI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU, SAID THAT INTER-MINISTERIAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED CONCERNING REQUEST FOR JFY 1974 FUNDS FOR OVERSEAS ECONOMIC COOPERATION FUND, GOJ'S SOFT LOAN AGENCY. JFY 1974 REQUEST WILL BE UP ABOUT 27 PERCENT COMPARED TO ACTUAL APPROPRIATION IN JFY 1973.

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